

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 242-274 are pending; Claims 244, 246, 249, 258 and 261 are currently amended; Claims 253, 255, 265, 267, 272 and 274 are withdrawn.

5     Response to Restriction Requirement

*Reconsideration of Restriction Requirement is requested based on the following remarks.*

10           Applicant was required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

The species stated are:

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Group 1: depositing a passive component by:

- a.   electroplating; or
- b.   sputtering..

20     Group 2: a bum being:

- a.   solder; or
- b.   gold.

25           Applicant provisionally elects the species described by the Examiner as a) electroplating in Group 1, and b) solder in Group 2, which reads on Claims 242-252, 254, 256-264, 266, 268-271 and 273. This election is made with traverse of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.143 for the reasons given in the following paragraphs.

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The field of search must necessarily cover all species, in addition to other related Classes and subclasses, to provide a complete and adequate search. Furthermore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Requirement for Election of Species  
5 given in the Office Action, because of the increased costs applicant would be forced to bear if the three species are separately examined.

Withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement, and allowance of the present Patent Application, is respectfully requested.

10 Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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